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SUBJECT: SPANISH COMMUNISTS CONCLUDE CENTRAL COMMITTEE  
MEETING AT ROME

1. THE SPANISH COMMUNIST PARTY (PCE) COMPLETED A THREE-DAY CENTRAL COMMITTEE (CC) MEETING IN ROME JULY 31 WITH THE ADOPTION OF A POLITICAL DOCUMENT FOLLOWED BY A PRESS CONFERENCE OF PARTY SECRETARY CARILLO. CC MEETING WAS REPORTEDLY ATTENDED BY ALL ITS MEMBERS EXCEPT FIVE CURRENTLY IMPRISONED IN SPAIN.

2. CC RECEIVED SUBSTANTIAL MEDIA TREATMENT AND PUBLIC RECOGNITION IN ITALY. OBSERVERS FROM ALL MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES EXCEPT THAT OF THE EXTREME RIGHT ATTENDED THE PUBLIC MEETING AND PRESENTED GREETINGS FROM THEIR PARTIES. ADDITIONALLY A DELEGATION LED BY CARILLO WAS RECEIVED BY SENATE PRESIDENT FANFANI AND CHAMBER PRESIDENT INGRAO.

3. WHILE WE HAVE NOT SEEN THE FULL TEXT OF THE DOCUMENT, ADOPTED BY THE CC MEETING, WHICH WAS CHARACTERIZED AS THE LAST TO BE HELD OUTSIDE SPAIN, JULY 31 PRESS CONFERENCE

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OF PARTY SECRETARY CARILLO SEEMINGLY COVERED HIGHLIGHTS

OF CC DECISIONS AS WELL AS PROVIDED SOME INSIGHTS INTO CURRENT PSE THINKING. BASED ON PRESS REPORTING, CC APPARENTLY DECIDED TO EMERGE FROM CLANDESTINITY IN SPAIN ENDING ITS PRACTICE OF ORGANIZING IN THE FORM OF SMALL CELLS AND BEGINNING AN ERA IN WHICH LARGE SECTIONS FORMED AROUND FACTORIES, UNIVERSITIES, QUARTERS OF CITIES, ETC. THESE GROUPS WILL HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS AT WHICH THERE WILL BE FREE DEBATE ON QUESTIONS OF POLICY AND ORGANIZATIONS.

4. REGARDING THE TOP STRUCTURES OF THE PARTY, THE CC DECIDED TO ENLARGE ITS MEMBERSHIP TO 141 MEMBERS OF WHOM 36 WILL BE ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE PARTY. CARILLO ANNOUNCED THAT HE WILL BE RETURNING TO SPAIN IN AUGUST AND THAT DOLORES IBARRURI WILL RETURN IN SEPTEMBER. AS FOR ITS POLITICAL PROGRAM, THE CC CALLED FOR A PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WHICH WOULD CONVOKE A CONSTITUTIONAL ASSEMBLY. THE CC DOCUMENT TALKS OF SPAIN IN WHICH THERE IS PLURALISM AND DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISM, ALTHOUGH IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION, CARILLO SAID THAT THE PARTY WOULD ACCEPT THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE SHOULD THEY FREELY OPT FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE MONARCHY INSTEAD OF A REPUBLICAN FORM OF GOVERNMENT WHICH THE PCE FAVORS.

5. THE FINAL CC DOCUMENT CONFIRMED "THE INDEPENDENT POSITIONS OF THE PARTY, WHICH IS NOT SUBJECT TO ANY INTERNATIONAL DISCIPLINE." IN HIS MEETING WITH THE PRESS, CARILLO ADDED THAT HIS PARTY WAS FOLLOWING ITS OWN NATIONAL ROAD TO SOCIALISM, AND HE SUGGESTED THAT THE FACT THE CC WAS HELD IN ROME INDICATED THAT THE PCE'S RELATIONS WITH THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY ARE BETTER THAN THOSE WITH THE FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY. IN TERMS OF SPANISH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, CARILLO SAID HIS PARTY IS FOR "THE CO-EXISTENCE BETWEEN THE PUBLIC ECONOMY AND CAPITALISTIC STRUCTURES" DESIGNED TO REASSURE "THE SMALL AND MIDDLE-SIZED ENTREPRENEURS OF THE INDISPENSABLE NEED FOR THEIR COOPERATION FOR A BALANCED SOCIETY."

6. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION, CARILLO SAID THAT THE PCE IS NOT RAISING THE QUESTION OF AMERICAN BASES IN SPAIN IN ANTICIPATION OF THE DAY "IN WHICH THERE WILL NO LONGER BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AMERICAN BASES IN WESTERN EUROPE AND SOVIET BASES IN EASTERN EUROPE." AT ANOTHER POINT IN HIS PRESS CONFERENCE, CARILLO CRITICIZED THE ALLEGED AMERICAN PRESSURE ON THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT TO KEEP THE PCE OUTSIDE THE MAINSTREAM OF PUBLIC LIFE. VOLPE

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